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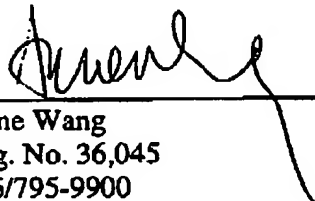
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Restriction requirement dated June 29, 2006, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions: 1) invention I including claims 1-19 and drawn to a dilating tip, and 2) invention II including claims 20-22 and drawn to a method of accessing the left atrium. Applicant attempted to make an oral election in a telephone interview with the Examiner on July 26, 2006. In compliance with the Examiner's request for a written election, Applicant hereby elects invention I including claims 1-19.

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